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DWR Announces New Pyramid Lake Recreation Area Manager

SACRAMENTO --The Department of Water Resources (DWR) announces that beginning January 1, 2011 the Pyramid Lake Recreation Area will be operated by Parks Management Company under contract to DWR.

To allow for a smoother transfer from the United States Forest Service concessionaire and reduce future disruption of services, the recreation area will be closed on December 31, 2010 and January 1, 2011, reopening on January 2, 2011.

Completed in 1973, Pyramid Lake is located in the Angeles and Los Padres National Forests, about 60 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles, just off Interstate 5. DWR owns and operates the Warne Powerplant on the Gorman Creek arm of the lake, which helps meet electricity needs for the State Water Project.

The 171,200 acre-foot State Water Project reservoir has 21 miles of shoreline and 1,297 acres of surface area. Fishing is allowed everywhere at Pyramid lake, featuring large mouth bass, small mouth bass, striped bass, blue gill, crappie, and trout.

Boating speed limits vary: higher speeds for waterskiing are permitted in the lake's main body while slower speeds are enforced in the canyons which are often frequented by canoes, rubber rafts, and rowboats.

Vista del Lago Visitors Center is among Pyramid's recreational points of interest.

Questions about the change in concessionaires should be directed to Mr. Bryan Carter of DWR at (661) 702-1136, extension 23.

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